



## Words from our President

Dear Club Members,

We have had such a wonderful busy year. The Palm Coast magazine asked me to share some highlights for the April issue and it was hard because we have so many. These are some of the highlights I sent in. **Highlights of *The Garden Club at Palm Coast 2022–2023 Season*:**

- Amazing speakers addressed our club.
- The Junior Garden Club had a fun filled start at Belle Terre and Rymfire elementary schools. We are forming more start up clubs.
- While growing beautiful plants, the propagation guild formed the *Garden Club at Palm Coast Creativity Team*. They will showcase their magic during our Spring Festival on April 8<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 am – 4:00 pm at the Flagler Palm Coast High School. This event is Free to the public.
- The Arrangers' Guild is planning a Flower Show in November. Club members from around Florida will be competing. This event is Free to the public.
- Propagation Guild members have started growing plants for the Spring Festival and the New Creativity group is coming up with whimsical gardening decorations for our gardens and to sell at events.
- We are honored to host the District Spring Meeting on May 9<sup>th</sup>. and look forward to members attending.
- So much more going on, please check the presentation board at the meeting this month to learn about all the volunteer opportunities that are available to help our Garden community grow.
- Membership continues to grow-195 strong.
- Treasures in the Attic had a successful fundraising event to support our club and made donations to community organizations.



Look out for the April issue of the Palm Coast Magazine. The Club and The Spring Festival and Plant sale are highlighted on the cover. The Festival Team is very excited for this year's event, and we look forward to seeing all our members participating. Vendor spaces are sold out and vendors keep calling and asking if they can join us. The word is spreading that we put on a fun event. Make sure and share the festival on all your social media channels.

Thank you, Team Garden Club at Palm Coast,

**Denise Garcia**

## April Meeting Agenda

# Meeting April 10 at VFW

Speaker: Jeanne Long  
Flagler County Orchid Society

Description: *What is an orchid and tips for it's care.*

The meeting will be held at the VFW located at 47 N Old Kings Rd, Palm Coast. Doors open at 11:30AM for raffles and socializing. Members can enjoy lunch at the VFW starting at 11:30 (cash only). The Garden Club meeting begins at 1 pm.



## THE OUTPOST

At VFW Post 8696  
47 Old Kings Rd. North, Palm Coast FL 32137 PH: 386-446-8696



### The Garden Club at Palm Coast

April 10, 2023

#### Grilled Chicken Caesar Wrap - \$8.50

Tomato or Spinach wrap with crisp Romaine lettuce, grilled chicken freshly grated parmesan- gently tossed in Caesar dressing. With French Fry's

#### Grilled Cheese Sandwich - \$5.00

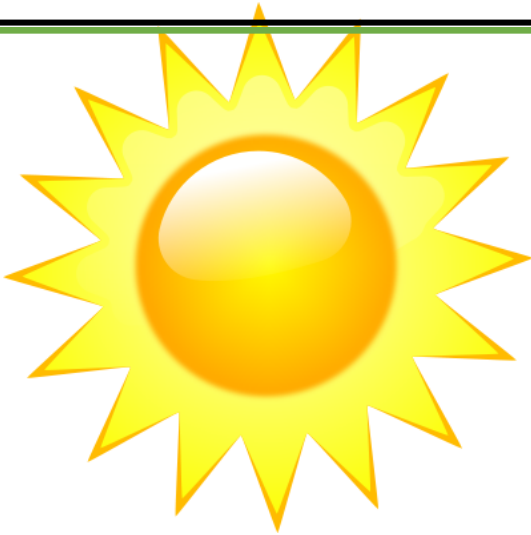
3 Slices of Cheese, perfectly toasted bread, equally delicious flavor. Add Bacon \$1.00      Add 2 slices Tomato \$.75

#### HAM & CHEESE SANDWICH - \$9.50

Choose cheese & bread type, topped with Lettuce, Tomato, Onions. Pickle spear and chips on the side.

**Beverages:** Soda or Iced Tea \$1.50    Coffee \$.50

**Please text your order by Saturday. Identify the order for GC meeting.  
Just write what your order is no name needed just GC-ITEM  
386-446-9288**



## **SUNSHINE REPORT**

Since the last newsletter, the following cards were sent:

"Thinking of you" cards to: Bob Griffin, Connie March, Mary Jablonski, and Lucy Davis.

Get well cards to: Jane Howells, Thomas McKean, and Kathy McKean, Kelley Callery, Al Ricci, Sheri Egeli.

If you know of anyone who is sick, or is in need of an uplifting card please email [janetrfonseca@outlook.com](mailto:janetrfonseca@outlook.com) or call 347-673-3458

### **Membership**

Welcome to new members who joined over this past month:

Suk and Dave Pauling

We are accepting early renewals for the 2023–24 year.

Individual Membership.   \$30.00

Couple Membership.       \$45.00

Membership tables will be at the Festival this Saturday, April 8th at Flagler Palm Coast High School Gym and at Monday's general meeting to take your renewals. Renewals are due by the May 8th meeting for submission to FFGC by June 1, 2023.

Ellen Werner, Membership Chairperson

**We hope everyone enjoys being a member of The Garden Club at Palm Coast and gets involved with a committee of their choice.**

**Happy Gardening!**

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## Horticulture Spotlight

### Air Layering

Sharon Smith

The process of air layering is a way to create a root system in the middle of a stem. This can be used to cut back a leggy plant and create a new plant from the healthy attractive top at the same time. The steps are not hard. Many plants can be air layered. Consider trying this on crotons, aralias, azaleas. Magnolias, Schefflera, holly, ficus, boxwood, roses, myrtles, fruit trees and citrus. Look for plants and small trees with soft woody branches. Spring is an ideal season to do this because the outer bark is thinner and softer.

The supplies you need are a small sharp knife, sphagnum moss, plastic wrap, and ties. The sharp knife is to scrape the outer layer of bark off around the entire stem gently. Do not cut into the stem. Scrape about 1 to 2 inches vertically. Saturate the sphagnum moss with water in a container. Take a handful of saturated moss and completely cover the scraped area. Wrap the moss with plastic and secure the wrapped moss with ties. If you are air layering a larger tree, you may do multiple areas on the same tree.

Keep the moss wet and wait at least a month before opening. Choose an area you utilize frequently to check on the process. For a smaller plant, a protected area like your lanai will provide indirect light and humidity. Air layering has a 90% success rate. Many plants will produce roots in 6 to 10 weeks and can be separated and planted. Be patient, some air layering can take up to a year.

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## Honorary or Distinguished Membership

Any active member of the Garden Club may nominate someone for honorary membership to the club in recognition of outstanding contributions or distinguished membership to the club in recognition of extraordinary dedication, continued and outstanding service to the club. You can find the details on page 23 of the yearbook. Applications can be found at the membership table at the monthly meeting.



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## FESTIVAL PLANT SALE



The Propagation Guild has propagated over 500 plants for the Festival Plant Sale. They have also purchased a variety of blooming perennials from Slingerlands and unusual ferns and indoor plants from Central Florida Ferns. The creative team has put together some amazing creations that will be for sale.





# DISTRICT MEETING



You're Invited to Attend the  
FFGC District VI Spring Meeting  
"Spring is in the Air"  
Tuesday, May 9, 2023 9 am - 2 pm  
Hammock Dunes Club • 30 Ave Royale, Palm Coast, FL 32137  
Registration, Hospitality and Shopping 9:00 am - 10:00 am



Please complete a registration form for each club member registering.

Copy the form as needed.

• Email: [info@gardenclubatpalmcoast.org](mailto:info@gardenclubatpalmcoast.org) (questions or to receive a form)

• Forms and checks must be received by Thursday, April 28, 2023.

No refunds will be given after May 1st.

• Make your check out for \$35.00 payable to: **The Garden Club at Palm Coast Inc.**  
PO Box 352153 Palm Coast, FL 32135-2153

#### DIRECTIONS:

**Option 1: From I-95 (\$2.00 Toll)**  
Take exit 289 (Palm Coast Parkway)  
Turn right onto Palm Coast Parkway  
SE. Proceed straight toward the  
Hammock Dunes Toll Bridge.

Continue over the bridge and at the  
4-way stop, turn right onto Camino  
de Mar and check in at the Hammock  
Dunes gatehouse. Check in, your  
name will be on the list.

Continue on Camino de Mar and at  
the traffic circle, take the 3rd exit onto  
Ave Royale. Follow this to the parking  
lot at the Hammock Dunes Club.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Club/Circle: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

#### PLEASE CHECK EVERY CATEGORY THAT APPLIES TO YOU

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Former Deep South Dir. | <input type="checkbox"/> District Officer         | <input type="checkbox"/> Garden Club Member |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Former FFGC President  | <input type="checkbox"/> District Chairman        | <input type="checkbox"/> Delegate           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> FFGC State Officer     | <input type="checkbox"/> Former District Director | <input type="checkbox"/> Alternate          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> FFGC State Chairman    | <input type="checkbox"/> Garden Club President    | <input type="checkbox"/> Guest              |

[Printable Invitation](#)

## Spring District Meeting Gift Baskets

**May 9th** our club is hosting the Spring District VI meeting and the Gift Basket committee is creating and collecting gift baskets to raffle.

Please bring any completed baskets to Monday's meeting at the VFW. I will add wrap and bows as needed. This is a great fund raiser so let's make it our best!

Thank you all.

Nancy landoli  
Gift Basket Chair





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# Jr Garden Club Newsletter

## Belle Terre Elementary

The garden is thriving. Bush beans were planted in a space that had Mexican Petunias. The children and volunteers were able clear the area of this invasive plant and make it ready for vegetable planting. The children planted bush beans which have already sprouted.

The strawberry plants are still producing strawberries, the children's favorite. One day the children were able to pick arugula, broccoli shoots and strawberries to make a salad in the cafeteria. Unfortunately, there was not enough strawberries for the grownups. Peas were planted along the fence (which acts as a support). We noticed some were not getting enough water so Tony Bolanos was asked to make an adjustment to the irrigation.

Stephen at Hammock Gardens suggested planting potatoes and he showed me how to do it. In addition, the children watched a video on how to grow potatoes in a container. The potatoes came from Helen O'Mara's uncle up north who gave her some organic fingerlings which had sprouts started. As you can see the potatoes are thriving in their container.

Some of the carrots were ready for picking which they learned how to tell when they could be picked. We showed them how to pull them up using a rocking and gentle pulling motion. You would have thought it was their birthday because they were so excited. They each pulled two which they said one was for lunch and one for dinner.





## Rymfire Elementary

The push is on to get the garden ready for the school tours. That means planting and mostly weeding. I decided to mulch the beds to keep the weeds down and luckily there was money to pay for it. Dan from Gospel Gardens offered to help with the weeding and came one afternoon after work to help. One child said he was a better weeder than any of us put together. One of his crew picked up 30 bags of mulch and dropped it off at the garden.

I got a butterfly/caterpillar poster, had it laminated and put on the gate. Now when anyone sees a butterfly or caterpillar, they run over to the poster to see if they can find it and read about it. I snapped a picture of a black swallowtail caterpillar munching on my dill which they were excited to see. There is dill in the garden.

The bluebird house has four eggs and an angry Mama if you get too close. We planted a native blueberry bush which will provide food for them. The berries are edible to us but very little and bitter.

At Adrienne Harrell's suggestion, we painted plant identity sticks (paint stirrers) with colors for annual, perennial and native so you can easily see what a plant is.

## Thankfulness

I wish to express my gratitude to the volunteers, teachers, and the club for all the support both in getting their hands dirty and money. These projects would not be possible without it.



Let's Get Dirty"  
Margie Brady

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## ***Bonsai Workshop***

Our speaker in March was Jason Schley, owner of Schley's Bonsai Nursery in DeLand. He will be giving a "Beginning Bonsai" workshop on Monday April 24 from noon-2:30 at the VFW pavilion. The fee is \$50 which includes all the materials needed to make a bonsai. The minimum number of attendees is 10 and the maximum is 25, so sign up early.

Please send Jane Villa-Lobos an email ([saravillalobos387@gmail.com](mailto:saravillalobos387@gmail.com)) or call her 386-446-0341 to save your spot. You must prepay, so please send your check payable to The Garden Club at Palm Coast to Jane Villa-Lobos, 29 Clearview Ct. North, Palm Coast 32137 by April 17<sup>th</sup>.





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# Garden Club Display at Flagler County Public Library

## Library

Each year, the Flagler County Public Library allows community organizations to showcase their club and its activities for an entire month. Throughout April, The Garden Club at Palm Coast will be showcased, featuring an array of artifacts, books, tools, club highlights, member events, and promotional features. Come and see The Garden Club at Palm Coast's current display at the Flagler County Public Library.







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# THE ARRANGERS' GUILD MEETING

## March 21, 2023

The Arrangers' Guild met March 21, 2023, for Class 5.

Linda Hensler, Director, had a few announcements:

- **NOTE:** Next month April Arrangers' Guild meeting will be **one week earlier on April 11**, due to the Spring Festival and the FFGC Convention.
- Help is needed to set up and take down at the Spring Festival. Please sign up if you can help Friday, April 7 starting at 3:00 p.m.
- May 9<sup>th</sup> is the date for the District VI Spring meeting at the Hammock Dunes Resort, Palm Coast. The Arrangers' Guild was asked to make the floral centerpieces for each table. The Garden Club has donated funds for the purchase of the flowers and greens needed.

The instructor for class 5 was Penny Decker. Class 5 used features, accessories, and bases (optional).

A feature is necessary for the design but should not be plant material. An accessory is added to a design but if removed, should not take away from the original design.

A base can be used to set the design on, but it should be portioned in size and weight to the design. A base could be a simple object like a piece of wood. A base is optional.

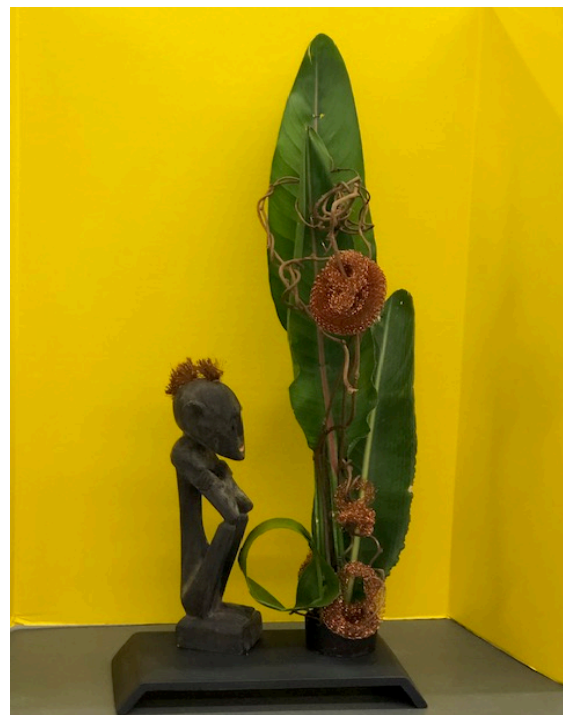
Your design needs the 4 Attributes of a Design: Beauty, Harmony, Distinction, and Expression.

**Our next class will be Class 6, April 11, 2023:** Make a design that shows what Florida is all about!

Examples: A Florida floral design could show something about beaches, golf courses, or sunshine, just to name a few that represent Florida!

Article and Photos Submitted by: Nancy landoli







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## Selection of the Month



**Deborah and John Sewell of Cochise Ct. have been recognized as April 2023, Selection of the Month by The Garden Club at Palm Coast.**

Originally from Utah, they moved to Palm Coast in 2015 to get away from snow. They have created their colorful landscape with many bromeliads, starting with only two, and now they are climbing and multiplying on their Queen palm tree. They are grateful for the generosity of their friends and neighbors for sharing their plants.

Their most prominent variety of bromeliads is the common Neoregelia Martin, which produces a large number of pups (babies). Given a lot of sun they will become a beautiful red/pink.

They also have several bird of paradise blooming throughout their landscape. The one near the front door entrance is well sheltered from frost and cold winds and blooms year-round.

In the back patio area facing the canal they have much diversity of plants such as: blooming cactus, bright pink crown of thorns in a multi-color ceramic boot, Flaming Katy orange kalanchoe, calla lily, several jade plants, snake plants, a dracaena (corn plant),

variegated philodendron, a beautiful wooden fish driftwood with air plants attached, pink amaryllis, other varieties of bromeliads, orchids, a stunning Alocasia Polly (elephant ears) and even a money tree (*Pachira aquatica*). And it all started with just 2 bromeliads!

Nice job Sewell family!

Submitted by Nancy Landoli  
Selection of the Month Committee

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## Places to Go/ Events

Jane Villa-Lobos

**Ongoing-July 4** Epcot International Flower and Garden Festival. 100 topiaries, bonsai, butterfly house, vendors, much more. Admission to Epcot. [www.disneyworld.com/flower](http://www.disneyworld.com/flower)

**April 7 First Friday Garden Walk**, Washington Oaks State Gardens, 6400 N. Oceanside Blvd., Palm Coast. 10-11. Learn about the history of the formal gardens. Admission fee to park. [www.washingtonoaks.org](http://www.washingtonoaks.org)

**April 8 The Garden Club at Palm Coast's Spring Festival and Plant Sale**, Flagler/Palm Coast High School, 5500 SR-100 East, Palm Coast. 9-4. FREE

**April 8** The Garden Club of Jacksonville's **10th Annual Blooms Galore & More** plant sale and artisan festival at 1005 Riverside Avenue, Jacksonville. 9-3 (Rain or Shine) Nurseries and artisans selling their unique hand-crafted items including outdoor garden art, jewelry, botanical products, fragrant candles, gourd art and more. FREE. [www.gardenclubofjacksonville.org](http://www.gardenclubofjacksonville.org)

**April 15 Native Plant Sale**, Paw Paw Chapter of the Florida Native Plant Society, Pigotte Community Center, 504 Big Tree Rd., South Daytona. 9-2.

**April 15-16 Seminole Bromeliad and Tropical Plant Society Sale**, Sanford Garden Club, 200 Fairmont Dr., Lake Mary. 9-4. Bromeliads, orchids, aroids, ginger, other tropical plants, handmade slat baskets. FREE.

**April 18-20 Annual FFGC State Convention** at Embassy Suites, Kissimmee.

**April 22 Arbor Day Celebration**, Washington Oaks State Gardens, Washington Oaks Gardens State Park, 6400 N. Oceanside Blvd., Palm Coast. 10-3. Park admission.

**April 28 Beekeeping.** Palm Coast Parks and Recreation Dept.  
Horticulture/Workshop Series at the Community Center Rms. 114/115. 10-11.  
\$10 [palmcoast.gov](http://palmcoast.gov)

**April 28-29 St. Augustine Flower Show,** The Garden Club of St. Augustine, 3440 Old Moultrie Rd., St. Augustine, FL. Admission is free to see the beautiful and interesting floral arrangements our members will be creating. Plants and cuttings will also be on display. The show runs both Friday 4/28 (2-4 pm) and Saturday 4/29 (10 am-3 pm).

**April 29 Palm Coast Arts Festival,** Palm Coast Arts Foundation, 1500 Central Ave. 11-3.

**April 29-30 Annual Apopka Art & Foliage Festival,** Kit Land Nelson Park, 35 S. Park Ave., Apopka. Sat: 9-5; Sun. 10-4. <http://www.apopkaartandfoliagefestival.com>

**May 6 Palm Coast Arbor Day,** Central Park, Palm Coast Town Center, 9-1. Free tree give away if you bring a non-perishable, non-expired human or pet food item. Come early as the quantity of trees are limited. Monarch butterfly release at 11 and lots of vendors. [palmcoast.gov](http://palmcoast.gov)

**May 12 Garden Club at Palm Coast Arbor Day,** Linear Park

**May 26 Color in the Garden.** Palm Coast Parks and Recreation Dept., Horticulture/Workshop Series at the Community Center Rms. 114/115. 10-11. \$10. [palmcoast.gov](http://palmcoast.gov)

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